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| <p>#2002-5</p> | <p align="center"> POLICY LETTER # 5 – DISPOSITION AUTHORITY OVER UCMJ OFFENSES </p> | <p align="center">11 AUG 02</p> |

1. This Policy Letter outlines the disposition authority over UCMJ offenses involving personnel assigned or attached to US Army Forces Central Command-Saudi Arabia (ARCENT-SA).
2. The Commander, US Army Forces Central Command, is the General Court-Martial Convening Authority. He has withheld disposition authority over all incidents of misconduct involving Commissioned Officers, Warrant Officers, and Noncommissioned Officers in the ranks of Command Sergeant Major or Sergeant Major (E-9).
3. The Commander, ARCENT-SA, is the Special Court-Martial Convening Authority. He has withheld disposition authority over all incidents of misconduct involving violations of General Order #1 (committed by First Sergeants and Master Sergeants or below) and all incidents of misconduct involving First Sergeants, Master Sergeants and Sergeants First Class. He has also withheld disposition authority over all incidents of misconduct involving Staff Sergeants and Sergeants in all subordinate units except the ADA Task Force and the 54th Signal Battalion.
4. The Commanders of the ADA Task Force and 54th Signal Battalion, Command (Forward), are Summary Courts-Martial Convening Authorities for personnel assigned or attached to their battalions.
5. The Commanders of the ADA Task Force and 54th Signal Battalion are the Field Grade Article 15 authorities for their battalions, subject to the withholding provisions of this memorandum. The Commander, ARCENT-SA will exercise appellate authority over Article 15 non-judicial punishment imposed by these Commanders.
6. Each subordinate commander must exercise his own independent judgment and dispose of each case at the appropriate level.

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7. Commanders will immediately inform the Commander, ARCENT-SA, through command channels, of all allegations of misconduct involving Commissioned Officers, Warrant Officers, Command Sergeants Major and Sergeants Major. Commanders will also immediately inform the Commander, ARCENT-SA of all allegations of misconduct of the types over which the Commander, ARCENT-SA has withheld disposition authority as outlined in this memorandum. This initial notification will not be delayed pending investigation or inquiry. Thereafter, Commanders will ensure that these allegations are thoroughly and promptly investigated. Prior coordination with the Command Judge Advocate, ARCENT-SA, is encouraged. Upon completion of the investigation or inquiry, commanders will forward the case, with recommendations, to the Commander, ARCENT-SA through the Command Judge Advocate. A subordinate commander may always request authority to dispose of the case at his level.

8. This Policy Letter supersedes and rescinds all previous Policy Letters on the same subject.

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